SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Where is the Home Minister?...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): The House is adjourned for further ten minutes.

The House then adjourned at forty-one minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled at fifty minutes past twelve of the clock, (**The Deputy Chairman**) in the Chair.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, the House was adjourned twice because it was a very serious incident which had taken place about our Member of Parliament. The matter was referred to the Chairman, and the Chairman has authorised me to say that according to Rule 203, the matter of insult and injury to Mr. M. A. Baby, Member of Rajya Sabha, from Kerala, is referred hereby to the Privileges Committee of the House.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मेरा प्वाइंट आफ आर्डर है ।

उपसभापति : अभी कुछ नहीं है । मैंरी रूलिंग के बाद कोई प्वाइंट आफ आर्डर नहीं होगा ।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : होम मिनिस्टर और दोनों स्टेट मिनिस्टर इस हाऊस के सदस्य हैं । इसीलिए से सदन में जब गम्भीर मामला उठता है, ये सदन में नहीं बैठते । यह बेबी का मामला नहीं है... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति: आप बैठ जाईये (**व्यवधान**) When I am standing, यह भी प्रिविलज है ।

I am not allowing you. After my ruling, nothing.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : जब भी गम्भीर मामला उठाया जाता है दोनों होम मिनिस्टर जो इस सदन के सदस्य हैं, इसमें से एक भी यहां नहीं रहता । कम से कम एक को यहां रहना चाहिए । यह मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है । (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): There is no point. The ruling has already been given. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a matter of Meghalaya being discussed in the Lok Sabha. The Home Minister spoke...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): We saw the Home Minister here.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He came to discuscs the matter with the Chairman. (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Discussion on Meghalaya is going on in the other House.

He was with the Chairman (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: He can come to the House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: The Home Minister has gone back to the Lok Sabha. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, we could not hear you.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: I said, Meghalaya is being discussed in the Lok Sabha, with the result that both the Home Minister and the M. S. (Home) are in the other House.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We saw the Home Minister here just now.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: We wanted to decide about this. Hon.

Chairman had called a meeting of all the leaders including....

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH (Bihar): We were not informed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): I was not informed. (*Interruptions*) I am on a point of order.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : हम लोगों को आपने इन्फार्म नहीं किया । आपने किसी को नहीं बुलाया । मैं इस बात पर आपत्ति जाहिर करता हूं । जब भी इस तरह की बातें हों आपको सब को बुलाना चाहिए । आपने दो लोगों को बुला लिया और फैसला कर लिया, ऐसा नहीं चलेगा। **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : किसी को नहीं बुलाया। पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर यह समझे थे कि सब को बुलाया क्योंकि वह बाद में आये थे ।

(*Interruptions*)

just a minute, please. आप भी प्रिविलेज में जाते हैं

I am going to move it in the Privileges Committee because you don't allow the Deputy Chairman to speak. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

I want to find out the rule which speaks about what to do if Members interrupt when the Chair is on his legs. Is there any rule, or is there no such rule? When I am going to announce something, you are agitated. You don't allow me to speak. About 20 persons get up. The matter ... (*Interruptions*)

Again you are getting up. You are a leader of a party. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): The Parliamentary Affairs Minister is deliberately misleading the House.

The Chairman did not ask all the leaders to go to him. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please. Unfortunately, a serious matter like insult to a Member of Parliament also is destroyed in this confusion. (*Interruptions*)

Please listen to me. यह अफसोस की बात है कि अगर पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर ने कुछ कहा और मुझ उसकी एक्सप्लेनेशन भी न करने दें कि क्या हुआ । वह वहां थे या नहीं। **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: No, Madam. We are very much concerned with what hapened to Mr. Baby.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Again you are interrupting.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We are very much pained at the Government's insincerity.

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Madam,....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not permitting you. You asked me to do the job.

आपने यह जिम्मेदारी ली थी या मुझे दी थी मैं किसको जिम्मदारी दी थी मैं आपने मुझे जिम्मदारी दी थी ।

I spoke to them.

श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश): हमें भी तो पता होना चाहिए कि उन्होंने क्या कहा... **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति : आप बैठिये ।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : महोदया, मेरी आपसे सम्मान के साथ प्रार्थना है कि आप हम लोगों की बात भी सुनिये । आप उनकी ही बात मत सुनिये..... **(व्यवधान)** ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. Speak what you like. I am not taking any decision. You speak what you like. (*Interruptions*) I am not allowing you.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, may I raise another point of privilege for a minute?

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, I am on a point of order. Not on this. During the Question Hour a number of issues are raised in this House. The authorised Minister, any one of the three—either the Leader of the House or the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs or the concerned Minister—one of them should get up and say something to the agitated Members. None of them is generally present. Therefore, through you I would request the Government that at least one of them must be present. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister, his Deputy or the Leader of the House or somebody should be here. Nobody is here. You have noticed and commented several times. It is an insult to the House.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Rajya Sabha is getting a second-class treatment.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra): I object to this.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: They are always treating this House casually. This is the point I want to make.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: They are always sitting in the Lok Sabha. Everybody is sitting in the Lok Sabha.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Why should they get agitated over small things?

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : महोदया, दुख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि जो सवाल अभी श्री पी० उपेन्द्र जी ने उठाया है कि किसी भी मिनिस्टर को, कनसर्न मिनिस्टर को; सदन की गरिमा के लिए यहां रहना चाहिए, इसी तरह की बात यादव जी ने भी कही है। दो दिन पहले या चार दिन पहले इसी चेयर से जब कोई मंत्री नहीं आये थे तो यह क्वेश्चन रेज किया गया था तो हमारे बेबी जी उस समय पीठासीन अध्यक्ष थे। उन्होंने हाउस को अडजर्न किया था और रूलिंग दी थी। मुझको यह भी लगता है कि सरकार को यह रूलिंग पसन्द नहीं थी और इसके कारण यह हुआ है और बेबी जी के साथ इस तरह का अत्याचार किया गया... (**व्यवधान**)। इस तरह तो सदन की गरिमा नष्ट हो जाएगी... (**व्यवधान**)।

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Madam, the whole House is feeling offended on the question of attack on Mr. Baby. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Shankar Dayal Singh should not take advantage out of Mr. Baby's affair. We all are supporting this matter. We want this matter should be taken as a privilege issue. (*Interruptions*) Then why are you agitated on this?

भुवनेश्वर कालिता (असम) : महोदया, मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह जी ने अभी जो कुछ कहा है उसको विदड्रा करें।

Either he should withdraw or I want that that line should be expunged from the record.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): No. I repeat what he has said. There is no question of his withdrawing.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That matter is closed now. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, you have not given your ruling on my point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If everybody keeps quiet, I can give my ruling. I cannot give my ruling when ten persons are speaking. (*Interruptions*) It is an insult to the Chair also. You should also consider that it is an insult to the Chair. When I am giving my ruling, ten people get up and start talking. I would be give ruling until and unless there is

order in the House. I myself observed that some Minister should be present over here. But if sometimes it happens in some cases when the Minister of Home or the Minister of State for Home, who is the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, is busy in the other House, as today he has sent me a note just now, in that case, someone else should come from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs or some senior Minister from any other Ministry should come. (*Interruptions*) Again you are interrupting. Let me finish. I will allow you. I hope that the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is here, will take note of it. There are two other matters to which I want to refer today from the Chair. One is that Members make Special Mentions. They refer to some issues. We have no procedure of letting the Minister react immediately, but at least in one week or two weeks the answer should come to them. Members raised certain issues which are very serious. I would request the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to make it a point to tell the concerned Ministers and write to the concerned Ministers about it. Theso are the two issues.

1.00 P.M.

The third issue is that a concern has been expressed by some Members that some Ministers make policy statements outside the Parliament when the Parliament is in session. The Minister for Paliamentary Affairs may please look into it and find out if any statement which the Ministers make outside the Parliament comes under the 'policy statement' or not. I hope that the Government will look into it. Let us go ahead with the special mentions. Mr. G. Venkatraman.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: You said that you would give me a chance to raise an issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is it about?

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: It is a privilege issue involving Maulana Obaidullah Khan Azmi.... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not about Mr. Baby. Maulana can himself speak.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: But he asked me to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay.

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Maulana Obaidullah Khan Azmi was arrested on the 2nd and on the 4th the Home Minister told us that he would get the information and that information has not yet been supplied to us. Moreover the Government of Uttar Pradesh until Friday had not even informed the Parliament about it. Today is the 9th and we still do not have that information either from the Central Government or from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have inquired into the matter from the Secretariat. They said that Maulana Obaidullah Khan Azmi has stated in the House that his arrest is a privilege matter. They also told me that the Chairman's office or my office or the Secretariat has not received any intimation about the arrest. They want to ascertain from the Government of Uttar Pradesh whether he was arrested or not; and what they have to say about it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: How long they will take?

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Lucknow is not far from Delhi.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : मैडम, मौलाना अबेदुल्ला खान आजमी साहब ने इस सदन में कहा कि वे गिरफ्तार किये गये थे...

उपसभापति : मैंने बोल दिया है वह।

श्री ईश दत्त यादव : उनके स्टेटमेंट को सही क्यों नहीं माना जाता है। यू०पी० गवर्नमेंट को क्यों डिफेंड किया जा रहा है।

मौलाना अबदुल्ला खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम.. (**व्यवधान**).. तमाम अखबारों में छपा है मैडम। तमाम अखबारों में छपा है कि मुझे गिरफ्तार किया गया। मैडम, मुझे 10-30 बजे आजमगढ़ पहुचाने के बाद जब मैंने पुलिस से कहा आप मुझे वापस जाने दीजिये तो पुलिस ने कहा कि हमको शाम 5 बजे तक के लिये आदेश मिला हुआ है कि 5 बजे तक हम आपको अरेस्ट रखें। 7 बजे शाम को पुलिस स्टेशन पर पुलिस ने इन्ट्री करवाई और इंट्री करवाने के बाद पुलिस आजमगढ़ से बनारस के लिये गई। मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि सुबह 5 बजे से लेकर शाम 7 बजे तक मुझे मुसस्सल क्यों पुलिस हिरासत में रखा गया? इस पर आपने कहा था कि कार्रवाई होगी। मैं चाहता हूं कि इस पर कार्रवाई हो। एक तरफ तो यह सुप्रीम हाउस कहलाता है और दूसरी तरफ प्रिविलेज को इस तरह से जीरोबटा सन्नाटा बनाया जाता है। बेबी साहब को जिस तरह से तबाह किया गया, जिस तरह से मेरे साथ पुलिस ने व्यवहार किया है, इसी तरह से पूरे हाउस की गरिमा को यह लोग तबाह करके रख देंगे। मैं इंसाफ के लिये आवाज उठा रहा हूं। इसका इंसाफ होना चाहिए और हाउस की गरिमा को बरकरार रखना चाहिये।

مولانا عبید اللہ خان اعظمی : میڈم ..

"مداخلت"... تمام اخباروں میں چھپا ہے میڈم۔ تمام اخباروں میں چھپا ہے کہ مجھے گرفتار کیا گیا۔ میڈم مجھے ساڑھے دس بجے اعظم گڑھ پہنچانے کے بعد جب میں نے پولیس سے کہا کہ مجھے واپس جانے دیجئے۔ تو پولیس نے کہا کہ ہم کو شام پانچ بجے تک کے لئے آدیش ملا ہوا ہے کہ پانچ بجے تک ہم آپ کو اریسٹ رکھیں۔ سات بجے شام کو پولیس اسٹیشن پر پولیس نے انٹری کروائی اور انٹری کروانے کے بعد پولیس اعظم گڑھ سے بنارس کے لئے گئی۔ میں یہ پوچھنا چاہتا ہوں کہ صبح ۵ بجے سے شام ۷ بجے تک مجھے مسلسل کیوں پولیس حراست میں رکھا گیا اس پر آپ نے کہا تھا کہ کارروائی ہوگی۔ میں چاہتا ہوں کہ اس پر کارروائی ہو۔ ایک طرف تو یہ سپریم ہاؤس کہلاتا ہے۔ اور دوسری طرف پری ویلج کو اس طرح سے زیرو بٹا سناٹا بنایا جاتا ہے۔ بے بی صاحب کو جس طرح سے تباہ کیا گیا جس طرح سے میرے ساتھ پولیس نے ویوہار کیا ہے اس طرح سے پورے ہاؤس کی گریما کو یہ لوگ تباہ کر کے رکھ دیں گے۔ میں انصاف کے لئے آواز اٹھا رہا ہوں۔ اس کا انصاف ہونا چاہیئے اور ہاؤس کی گریما کو برقرار رکھنا چاہیئے۔

†[Transliteration in Arabic script].

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If the House is supreme, if the House so agrees it can be referred to the Privileges Committee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): It should be referred to the privileges Committee.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This matter is also referred to the Privileges Committee.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, जिनको राष्ट्रीयता सदिग्ध है, ऐसी प्रवृतियों को हम बर्दाश्त नहीं करेंगे। इस सदन के जो सदस्य हैं, आप जिस तरह से सारे सदस्यों के इंटरेस्ट को प्रोटेक्ट कर रही हैं, सदन की गरिमा को बनाये रखने के लिये आप जो कर रही हैं उसके लिये मैं सारे सदन की ओर से आपको बधाई देता हूं और विश्वास करता हूं कि आप सदन की गरिमा को इसी तरह से बनाये रखेंगे और सारे सदस्यों को, एक परिवार के रूप में ही नहीं बल्कि परिवार से भी बढ़कर आपका प्रोटेक्शन मिलता रहेगा। इसके लिये सारा सदन आपके साथ है।

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): I want to have my say on this matter... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will go to the special mentions. Mr. G. Venkataraman. How is it that you are sitting in front?

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN (Tamil Nadu): With your permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have not given.

SPECIAL MENTIONS—Contd.

Plight of aged People in India

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam Deputy Chairman, I have to present before this august House a very urgent and serious social problem which requires the special attention of the Central Government to find out ways and means to settle it. That is the issue of the plight and penury of the aged people in India.

It is well understood that the definition of 'aged' refers to people who have completed 60 years and above.

The advanced medical science has enhanced the life-span of people. As a result of the rise in longevity, the problem of aged persons has grown into a social problem and the Central Government has to wend its way to steer clear the misery of the aged, to provide them a peaceful life and to assure them a place in this country at the cost of the Government, by welfare schemes and grants to voluntary organisations.

According to the 1981 Census, the number of aged was 4.3 crores constituting 6.2 per cent of the population. The number of such aged persons is likely to rise to 7.5 crores constituting 7.6 per cent of the population by 2000 A.D.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations provide old-age pensions to the destitute aged covering a population of 50 lakhs, spending an amount of Rs. 227 crores. The eligibility conditions and rates of pensions differ from State to State. The rate ranges from Rs. 30/- to Rs. 100/-. The Department of Welfare has been trying to persuade the State Governments to have uniform old-age pensions. The Finance Commission and the Planning Commission were approached to provide additional funds to meet the targets. As the funds allowed by the Finance Commission are not sufficient to meet the targets, this department has approached the Planning Commission to provide additional funds.

The reason for the problem of aged persons is the discontinuance of the joint-family system. As years passed by, the traditional value of protecting the aged parents was given a go by by the younger generation in particular. The craving for materialism and uninhibited life-style by the young have led to dissension and this disaster and also to the end of the aged people in misery. Even the old people who have got heavy pension amounts suffer from desertion and deprivation of homely atmosphere.